

City Neighborhood Council Meeting Minutes
Monday March 29, 2004
West Precinct Meeting Room

In attendance:

Bob Lucas (NMF Committee), Tom Knoblauch (Greater Duwamish), Catherine Sanford (Downtown), John Coney (Transportation Committee), Victor Barry (Magnolia/Queen Anne), Ann Donovan (East), Irene Wall (Northwest), Mike Thompson (North District), Chris Leman (Lake Union), Stephen Lundgren (Ballard)

1. Guest speakers – City of Seattle Department of Information Technology

Jill Novak and John [?] presented information about the City of Seattle contract with Comcast cable provider. The City is currently working on renewal of cable franchise contracts which are due in January 2006. The Department is looking for public input throughout 2004, use the web form: www.seattle.gov/cable/refranchising

How is it working today – CNC members offered the following items for discussion:

- ◆ The Seattle Channel, 2-way communication, wired neighborhood centers
- ◆ Multi-casting of PBS stations – how treated by cable channel
- ◆ Seattle Channel – no public process or advisory committee
- ◆ No boards or committee are broadcast
- ◆ SeaTAC (Technology Advisory Committee)
- ◆ No mention on Seattle Channel site
- ◆ Wiring public meeting rooms for broadcast – has been poor
- ◆ They need public input to help substantiate requests
- ◆ Tree damage
- ◆ Slow to move lines to new poles
- ◆ Undergrounding
- ◆ Make sure that the contract includes mention of coordinating undergrounding with public utilities
- ◆ Ala carte pricing

2. Review Agenda, Approve Minutes

Minutes – change to minutes, Mike Thompson North District Council

Bold facing where there is an action taken

We have a quorum – 10 out of 13 district councils present

Representatives that don't get their minutes 2 weeks prior to meeting then contact Vic

Perhaps if Wendy send files out with addresses BCC'd then it wouldn't trigger spam filters

Can we post files to the web site? – agenda, meeting minutes, draft meeting minutes

Put on agenda for Executive Committee to discuss

3. Guest Speaker: David Della, City Councilmember

Councilmember Della is trying to make it a priority to meet with community groups around the City each week and working on coordinating with NSC Coordinators to figure out options for community networking events on Friday during the day.

- ◆ He chairs the City Council Neighborhoods, Parks and Education Committee working on Magnusson Park Master Plan and Discovery Park/Fort Lawton issues. With Neighborhoods he is trying to connect with neighborhood plans and see where projects might be moved forward from plans. There were no major budget cuts in the Neighborhood Matching Fund this year and fund is still there. However, budget cuts are difficult, will continue to be difficult and they are looking at more cuts for next year – Cuts projected at 2005 (\$15-20 million more in cuts), more than 2004 (9.3 million in cuts as part of mid-year budget adjustment). Also he made note of the Families and Education Levy which will be on ballot in September based on advisory committee prepared recommendations.

There was a discussion where the following items were discussed:

- ◆ MOHAI – renegotiated agreement, yet City is paying more than \$200,000 of maintenance costs at museum. The City isn't getting anything from that.
- ◆ NMF has had \$1M on table to be considered for cuts, still frozen until today
- ◆ Will public safety committee have a better relationship with the police union?
- ◆ North District, trying to improve diversity of council invited Della or other councilmembers to come to meetings.
- ◆ East Precinct public safety plan is still unfunded. Precinct neighborhoods identified funding source and developed a strategy with other precinct neighborhoods. The irony is that we were able to identify excess in the budget but the City Council wasn't able to.
- ◆ Other neighborhoods added that they aren't all going to ask for more public safety just because Capitol Hill was organized. Also, since Capitol Hill worked so hard and got nothing it makes other neighborhoods less likely to want to try to organize similar efforts
- ◆ Discovery Park – City Council has done excellent work so far, but the CNC representatives were interested in what is the next step in the plan. The Navy is driving the process to have the site developed by a developer. Council has not yet looked into land use code changes that would prohibit undesirable uses

4. Ballard District Council Report – Stephen Lundgren

A brief report on their district council which commonly has attendance of 50 persons, which they do through well publicized meetings, and with support from their well-connected Neighborhood Service Center Coordinator. Several planning areas and neighborhood plans are within their district.

- ◆ Ballard Civic Center is underway – open space, Neighborhood Service Center
- ◆ West Ballard/Market Street development
- ◆ Fishing industry is ignored largely by City, yet is one of the largest industries and contributes tremendous tax revenue
- ◆ They are very interested in transportation projects
- ◆ Access routes to transportation for industry (trains) needs to be addressed to keep the area functioning healthily
- ◆ Ballard Locks – one of the most visited sites in City

5. Downtown District Council Report – Catherine Stanford

- ◆ They have a critical, ongoing issue with public safety

- ◆ Many major transportation projects are in planning or underway including: Sound Transit, Metro, Monorail, Viaduct. All will have profound impacts on the downtown core.
- ◆ They continue to organize City Center meetings
- ◆ Meetings every other month and rotating meetings to various neighborhoods, rotating chairs from month to month

6. North District Council – Mike Thompson

- ◆ They have a mixed membership – 15 member groups currently including neighborhood groups and Chamber of Commerce
- ◆ Information sharing group – they invite councilmembers to meetings which all groups benefit from
- ◆ Northgate is a big issue in this district. Council's plan is the plan going forward – decrease in open space requirements, changes to neighborhood plan, transportation planning study (and funding), a new stewardship group
- ◆ New library and community center
- ◆ Mixed used development
- ◆ There is a new proposal for daylighting the creek
- ◆ Lake City has ongoing problems with drug use and crime
- ◆ They are reaching out to different cultural and ethnic groups

7. Neighborhood Planning Committee

April 12, 6:30 West Precinct -- next meeting

Discussion of DADO ordinance

Seattle Comprehensive Plan amendments

CIP

Stephen – looking for feedback from city's public process and recommendation

Chris – funding for staffing and for projects for Neighborhood Plans and Stewardship Committees

Yvonne – shift the focus of the neighborhood planning and looking to other matters for the DON, a philosophical shift

Stephen – include more people to do what? There is no money available and more people/groups means more needs

8. Budget Committee – Brent Crook reporting for Pete Spalding

Still working on organizing the neighborhood budget event

Room is set up, city will send out press release

Chris drafted letter to send out to neighborhood groups; recommendation for inclusion of a fact sheet with letter – contact info for all district councils

Stephen --- pre-conference op-ed in the Seattle Times, press release/PR

Would like to have the event taped, have the mayor pre-tape a statement – and rebroadcast

Vic will be out of town, Mike will take Vic's place

Budget money was moved from library opportunity fund awarded project of mobile library to another project – To South Park library from bookmobile project (due to increased cost of bookmobile)

Tabled – money that was allocated should not be reallocated from opportunities funds, it establishes a bad precedent

9. Transportation Committee –

Motion – Add two new representatives to Transportation Committee (see motion)

Discussion – have committee work on metro/monorail bus connections – agreed by consensus

Crown Hill to Green Line – another segment plan

Chris – asking about whether or not we renew the Transportation Committee, for future discussion

Viaduct – SEIS

(West Seattle doesn't want a tunnel?) – views and access via exits

Ballard – access to NW Ballard

Chris is concerned with the committee focusing on big projects since these projects have public processes, there are many other issues that have no public process --- non-arterial streets, Complan amendments

Monorail Authority replied that they would not do the 1% but that they will spend more than that on mitigation – citing restricted budget (cap)

10. NMF Committee – Bob Lucas

880,000 Small and Simple

Letters of intent from 26 projects

1,456,000

No NMF meetings in April or May, but CRT meetings instead at McClure School

11. Meeting adjourned

Request by Stephen to send the letters to the City Councilmembers

Handouts – NMF Guidelines, NMF Committee Notes, Transportation Committee Notes,

